



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 1996

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

### MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

**MNZ042>045-049>054-056>070-073>079-082>087-091>093**      **Todd - Morrison - Mille Lacs - Kanabec - Stearns - Benton - Sherburne - Isanti - Chisago - Lac Qui Parle - Chippewa - Kandiyohi - Meeker - Wright - Hennepin - Anoka - Ramsey - Washington - Yellow Medicine - Renville - McLeod - Sibley - Carver - Scott - Dakota - Redwood - Brown - Nicollet - Le Sueur - Rice - Goodhue - Wabasha - Watonwan - Blue Earth - Waseca - Steele - Dodge - Olmsted - Martin - Faribault - Freeborn**

<b>23</b>	<b>2100CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Heavy Snow</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>1000CST</b>			

A major winter storm moved from Kansas to southeast Wisconsin during the period. Thunderstorms deposited bursts of heavy snow across the area late 3/23 into the morning of 3/24. Heavy snow redeveloped during the early afternoon of 3/24 across the area along with strong winds. The wind along with falling snow produced blizzard conditions across parts of southwest Minnesota with near blizzard conditions for a time across the south during the morning of 3/25. Snowfall of 6 to 10 inches was common with about 10 inches at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. 15 inches was reported at Cedar and St. Francis in Anoka county with 13 inches at Forest Lake in Chisago county. More than 400 schools closed on 3/25. Heavy rain preceded the snow across southeast Minnesota resulting in minor flooding in the St. Charles area along the south fork of the Whitewater River

### **Scott County**

<b>Prior Lake</b>	<b>24      1300CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Lightning</b>
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Lightning initially struck nearby vehicle, and proceeded to jump to victim during grounding process.

**MNZ054>056-064>065-073>074-082-091**      **Lac Qui Parle - Swift - Chippewa - Yellow Medicine - Renville - Redwood - Brown - Watonwan - Martin**

<b>24</b>	<b>1300CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Blizzard</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>0800CST</b>			

Snowfall of 4 to 8 inches combined with frequent winds over 40 mph to produce frequent whiteout conditions for a prolonged period. Worthington reported a wind gust to 68 mph.

### WISCONSIN, West

**WIZ014>016-023>028**      **Polk - Barron - Rusk - St. Croix - Pierce - Dunn - Pepin - Chippewa - Eau Claire**

<b>24</b>	<b>0100CST</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Heavy Snow</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>1000CST</b>			

A major Spring storm moved from Kansas to southeast Wisconsin depositing heavy snowfall over all of northwest Wisconsin. Snowfall amounts of 8 to 15 inches were common. Both Rice Lake and Chetek in Barron county reported 17 inches of snow. Thunderstorms deposited a rapid accumulation of snow early in the morning on 3/24 with heavy snowfall overspreading the area again that afternoon. Schools throughout the region were closed on 3/25. Chippewa Falls reported 14 inches, Ellsworth and Boyceville 12 inches and 8 inches in Eau Claire. Strong winds resulted in near blizzard conditions for a time early on 3/25.